

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. JP 07-130408, published May 19, 1995, with Abstract
2. JP 02-042449, published March 23, 1990, with Translation

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of three Japanese Office Actions dated June 29, 2010 issued in three counterpart applications citing such documents, together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. It is noted two references (JP 2002-203612; JP 09-259942) cited in the Actions were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on March 7, 2006.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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